

CRESA Improvements Validated by Keystone Recommendations

A bipartisan group of Senators, including Senator Crapo, requested the Keystone Center to study whether the Endangered Species Act (ESA) adequately protects habitat and improvements that could be made to better conserve habitat and help species recover. The Keystone Center formed a working group of 24 members representing a diverse array of ESA experts from environmental groups, regulated industries, academia, and government.

The Keystone recommendations confirm that CRESA will make much-needed improvements to further the Endangered Species Act goal to “*to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved.*”

<i>ESA Issue</i>	<i>Keystone Recommendations</i>	<i>CRESA Addresses?</i>
Incentives	Farm Bill measures	YES
	Voluntary cooperative agreements	YES
	Tax incentives	YES
	Streamlining to increase the efficiency of agency processes	YES
Improve cooperation in recovery planning and implementation	YES	YES
Recovery plan adaptability	YES	YES
Strengthen use of Cooperative Agreements to further species recovery	YES	YES
Codify Safe Harbor Agreements	YES	YES
Reduce barriers for landowners to contribute to species recovery	YES	YES
Repeal Critical Habitat protections	NO	NO

Read the final Keystone Report and more by visiting the website of the Keystone Working Group on Endangered Species Act (ESA) Habitat Issues at <http://www.keystone.org/spp/env-esa.html>.